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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon.
- 2) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- 3) References AA to AD are accompanied by English Abstracts.

 Therefore no further discussion of these references is required.
- 4) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

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5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 6 are respectfully requested.

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